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UNITED STATES BORDER PATROL AGENT TONY "HOLLYWOOD" HENDERSON PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTION OF MARIHUANA

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced that United States Border Patrol Agent Tony "Hollywood" Henderson, a 46-year-old resident of Macclenny, Florida, pleaded guilty to one count of distributing marihuana. The maximum penalty Henderson faces is five years' imprisonment, a \$250,000.00 fine, at least two years of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.00.

According to the plea agreement, on or about the summer of 2004, Pedro Fernandez discussed helping an individual obtain marihuana from United States Border Patrol Agent Tony Henderson. Unbeknownst to Fernandez that individual (a "cooperating" source" or CS) was working with law enforcement. As part of Fernandez's discussions with the CS, Fernandez advised the CS that Henderson had access to quantities of marihuana and that Fernandez could obtain marihuana for the CS from Henderson. The CS relayed this information to law enforcement.

On December 10, 2005, at approximately 7:15 p.m., Fernandez and the CS arrived at Henderson's residence. Henderson and Fernandez then met outside the residence together, and Henderson distributed approximately three pounds of marihuana to Fernandez. Fernandez later provided this marihuana to the CS, and the CS then provided it to law enforcement agents working on the case. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) laboratory later analyzed this marihuana and confirmed it to be 1313 grams (net weight) of marihuana.

Further investigation revealed that, between on or about December 2003 and in or about May 2004, Henderson distributed approximately six pounds of marihuana to another person in Baker and Columbia counties.

On August 24, 2006, Fernandez pled guilty to distributing marihuana and he was sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment on November 11, 2007.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States

Drug Enforcement Administration, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Office
of the Inspector General Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Live Oak Police

Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. J.

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